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USDA Forest Service
San Juan National Forest
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NOTICE OF DECISION

**Purgatory Resort Gelandé Chairlift, Terrain Projects, and Boundary Adjustment
USDA Forest Service
San Juan National Forest
Columbine Ranger District
Bayfield, Colorado**

Notice of Decision on the Purgatory Resort Gelandé Chairlift, Terrain Projects, and Boundary Adjustment projects

A *Draft* Decision Notice regarding the projects analyzed in the Purgatory Resort (Purgatory) Gelandé Chairlift, Terrain Projects, and Boundary Adjustment Environmental Assessment (EA) has been completed and is available for review. The EA and *Draft* Decision Notice are available for review and download on the San Juan National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52682>. Hard copies of the documents can be also be reviewed at the Columbine Ranger District Office in Bayfield, CO.

Based on analysis presented in the EA, the *Draft* Decision Notice identifies the Forest Supervisor's Selected Alternative as the Proposed Action. The specific elements of the Proposed Action are described in detail in Chapter 2 of the EA.

For additional information regarding this decision or the objection process, contact: Jed Botsford, Project Leader, at (970) 884-1436 or jedbotsford@fs.fed.us.

Filing an Objection

The *Draft* Decision Notice for the Purgatory Gelandé Chairlift, Terrain Projects, and Boundary Adjustment EA is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218.8 (Project-level components objection) and 36 CFR 219.54 (Forest Plan amendment objection).

Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written or substantive formal comments regarding the proposed project or Forest Plan Amendment during a comment period in accordance with 36 CFR § 218.5(a) or 36 CFR 219.53. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted, timely, and specific written or substantive formal comments regarding the proposed project, unless comments are based on new information that arose after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to:

Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 1617 Cole Blvd. Building 17, Golden, CO 80401; fax: 303-275-5134 to the attention of Objections or Email: r02admin-review@fs.fed.us. At a minimum, an objection must include the following: objector's name and physical mailing address; signature or other verification of authorship upon request; identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed; name of the proposed project; name and title of Responsible Official; and name of national forest unit(s) on which the project will be implemented (36 CFR § 218.8(d) or 36 CFR 219.54(c)). Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b) or 36 CFR 219.54(b).

Additional information on the Project-Level Predecisional Administrative Review Process can be found in the *Draft* Decision Notice and at 36 CFR 218.8 (Project-level components objection) and 36 CFR 219.54 (Forest Plan amendment objection).

Timeframes

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the *Durango Herald*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to 36 CFR § 218.9 or 36 CFR 219.56. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.